

SENATE BILL 1007  
By Dixon

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 37, Chapter 10, Part 4; Title 49; Title 56; Title 62, Chapter 2, Part 1; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to immunizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 37-10-401, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection (e):

(e) On or before January 1, 2002, the commissioner of health, in consultation with the commissioner of human services and the commissioner of education, shall develop a program to enhance immunization rates among Tennessee children. The program shall involve outreach efforts to build public awareness and to maximize immunization rates. At a minimum, in order to reach at-risk children the program shall include mandatory outreach efforts:

- (1) at local health departments;
- (2) to physicians, hospitals and other health care providers;
- (3) in local education agencies governed under title 49;
- (4) in child care agencies regulated under title 71, chapter 3, part 5; and

(5) in programs administered by the department of human services under title 71, chapter 3, part 1. The commissioner of health shall set specific goals for increased immunization rates in each county of the state beginning in 2002 and ending in 2005. The program shall be implemented on or before July 1, 2002. The director of the commission on children and youth shall monitor the development and implementation of the program and shall make periodic progress reports and recommendations concerning the program to the house health and human resources committee and the senate general welfare, health and human resources committee.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.